

PARTNERS AND ASSOCIATES

15. List all partners and associates, beginning with the current or most recent:

Answer 15:

September 2012 to present

The New Mexico Attorney General's Office employs approximately seventy-five (75) attorneys in a several different divisions, including, Border Violence, Civil, Consumer Protection, Criminal Appeals, Government Accountability, Litigation, Medicaid Fraud and Elder Abuse, Prosecutions, Water, Environment and Utilities. The Litigation Division, in which I work, employs approximately eleven (11) attorneys.

March 2008 to September 2012

I performed most of my contract legal work for Denise Zuni, Sh'eh Wheef Law Offices, P.C.

March 2008 – May 2008

At the Senior Citizens' Law Office, I worked with a number of attorneys including, without limitation:

Angelica Anaya Allen
Patricia Stelzner
Lucrecia Jaramillo
Micah Rose

June 2005 to March 2008

At CYFD, I worked with numerous other attorneys including, without limitation:

Christina Chavez Cook
David Brainerd
Blas Villanueva
Jean Conner
Peter Klages

April 2001 to June 2005

As a sole practitioner during this period, I shared office space with Lori Apodaca, but we did not practice law together.

March 2000 to March 2001

I did not have associates or partners during this period.

February 1994 to February 2000

Alexander A. Wold

May 1991 to February 1994

As a sole practitioner and contract attorney, I associated with a number of attorneys, including, without limitation:

William Norman McDonald
David Pearlman
Delfido Conroy
George Foster Hannett

February 1988 to May 1991

As an associate attorney in a large law firm, I associated with over fifty attorneys, including, without limitation:

Joe Roehl
Allen Dewey
R.E. Thompson
Walter Stern
Douglas Baker

August 1984 to January 1988

As an associate attorney in a large law firm, I was associated with over fifty attorneys, including, without limitation:

Perry Staub
Gerard Bos
Benjamin Slater

EXPERIENCE**16. How extensive is your experience in Personal Injury Law?**

Answer 16: I have had more than fifteen (15) years of experience in all areas of personal injury law including medical and dental malpractice, premises liability, automobile accidents, products liability, negligent infliction of emotional distress, wrongful death and animal liability. My experience has been from both the defense and plaintiff sides of personal injury cases, and has extended from client intake and pleading preparation through all phases of litigation including discovery, hearings, trials and appeals.

17. How extensive is your experience in Commercial Law?

Answer 17: I have had extensive experience, principally involving legal research and writing, but also in litigated cases, in commercial law matters including issues arising from most aspects of the Uniform Commercial Code, product warranties, breach of contract, debt collection and bankruptcy, franchises, interpretation of insurance contracts and leases, state and federal RICO Acts, fraud and misrepresentation, real property issues and fiduciary duties.

18. How extensive is your experience in Domestic Relations Law?

Answer 18: As a sole practice attorney during the period from 2001 through 2005, most of my cases arose in the area of domestic relations law, including separation and divorce, child custody and child support, and domestic violence. My cases included both contested and uncontested matters.

19. How extensive is your experience in Juvenile Law?

Answer 19: As a sole practice attorney from 2001 to 2005, as a Children's Court Attorney from 2005 to 2008, and more recently in adoption proceedings, I have had extensive experience in juvenile law. In approximately 200 cases involving child abuse or neglect, I have represented children, parents and the state at all stages from pre-custody, to custody and adjudication, through termination of parental rights and adoption, and appeal. I have been a guardian ad litem both in child abuse and neglect cases and in private cases involving custody and adoption. In May 2006, I participated in the Rocky Mountain Child Advocacy Training Institute presented by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. Also in 2006, I was certified as a Child Welfare Law Specialist as one the first attorneys in the nation to earn such certification through the National Association of Counsel for Children. (This certification expired in 2011.)

20. How extensive is your experience in Criminal Law?

Answer 20: My experience in criminal law practice has been minimal.

21. How extensive is your experience in Appellate Law?

Answer 21: I have written briefs and motions or otherwise participated in approximately fifteen (15) appellate level state and tribal court cases. Among these cases are the following:

Di Marco's Freeman Shoes v. Milgram Kagan Texas, Inc., 519 So. 2d 203 (La. Ct. App. 4th Cir. 1987)

C.R. Anthony Co. v. Loretto Mall Partners, 112 N.M. 504 (1991)

Fernandez v. Char-Li-Jon, Inc., 119 N.M. 25 (Ct. App. 1994)

Madrid v. Lincoln County Medical Center, 121 N.M. 133, *aff'd on other grounds*, 122 N.M. 269 (1996)

[Note: I was the brief writer in both in the Court of Appeals and in the Supreme Court.]

Gordon v. Sandoval County Assessor, 130 N.M. 573 (Ct. App. 2001)

State ex rel. CYFD, In the Matter of Elizabeth H., 132 N.M. 299 (Ct. App. 2002)

State ex rel. CYFD, In the Matter of Katelynn B., N.M. Ct. App. No. 24706 (2004)

Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority v. Orozco, Isleta Ct. App. No. 09-011 (2009)

Pueblo de Cochiti Housing Authority v. Chalan, Cochiti Ct. App., No. 09-02 (2010)

Martinez v. Tortalita, Acoma Ct. App., No. 09-CV-0061 (2011)

22. How many cases have you tried to a jury? Of those trials, how many occurred within the last two years? Please indicate whether these jury trials involved criminal or civil cases.

Answer 22: I have been the principal attorney in at least five (5) jury trial cases. And I have participated with shared responsibility in at least another five (5) jury trial cases. None of these trials has occurred within the last ten (10) years. All of the jury trials in which I have been involved concerned civil law issues.

23. How many cases have you tried without a jury? How many of these trials occurred within the last two years? Please indicate whether these non-jury trials involved criminal or civil cases.

Answer 23: I have tried more than two hundred district court cases and perhaps more than three hundred cases without a jury. None of these was a criminal case. In the area of child welfare law alone, I have handled more than one-hundred adjudication hearings and more than fifty (50) cases involving termination of parental rights. I tried approximately thirty (30) cases without a jury while working in the area of Indian Housing law between 2010 and 2012, and since September 2012, I have presented more than fifty (50) cases as Administrative Prosecutor for a number of New Mexico regulatory boards and commissions.

24. How many appeals have you handled? Please indicate how many of these appeals occurred within the last two years.

Answer 24: I have written briefs and motions or otherwise participated in approximately fifteen (15) appellate level state and tribal court cases. None of these appellate cases occurred within the last two years. Among these cases are the following:

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PUBLIC OFFICES/PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

25. Public Offices Held and Dates

Public Office	Dates
Not applicable.	

26. Activities in professional organizations, including offices, held, for last 10 years

Professional Organization	Position Held	Dates
Valencia County Bar Association	Treasurer Member	2002 and 2003 Off and on since 1991
New Mexico State Bar	Member	1988 to present

27. Activities in civic organizations, including offices, held, for last 10 years

Civic Organization	Position Held	Dates
Los Lunas Rotary Club	Member	2004-2008

28. Avocational interests and hobbies

Answer 28: Study of Social Security; Gardening and Home Economy; Solar Energy Production; Acting

29. Have you been addicted to the use of any substance that would affect your ability to perform the essential duties of a judge? If so, please state the substance and what treatment received, if any.

Answer 29: No.

30. Do you have any mental or physical impairment that would affect your ability to perform the essential duties of a judge? If so, please specify

Answer 30: No.

31. To your knowledge, have you ever been disciplined for violation of any rules of professional conduct in any jurisdiction? In particular, have you ever received any discipline, formal or informal, including an "Informal Admonition." If so, when, and please explain.

Answer 31: No.

32. Have you ever been convicted of any misdemeanor or felony other than a minor traffic offense?

Answer 32: No.

33. Have you ever had a DWI or any criminal charge, other than a minor traffic offense, filed against you? If so, when? What was the outcome?

Answer 33: No.

34. Have you ever been a named party in any lawsuit in either your personal or professional capacity? If so, please explain the nature of the lawsuit(s) and the result(s).

Answer 34: No.